

Amendments to the Specification

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Abstract of the Disclosure

This invention relates to a method for characterizing an analyte, comprising the steps of: (a) providing a compound in which the analyte is attached by a cleavable linker to a reporter group relatable to the analyte, the compound having formula (I) wherein either R comprises the reporter group and R' comprises the analyte, or R comprises the analyte and R' comprises the reporter group, and wherein n is 1 or 2; (b) cleaving the reporter group from the analyte; and (c) identifying the reporter group, thereby characterizing the analyte.